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Office of Training and Development

The Office of Training and Development winter course schedule of classes is available at www.admin.ri.gov/otd/. This schedule includes Microsoft Access, Excel Publisher, and Word computer classes. A course on Effective Writing is available along with information on Rhode Island College Office of Education incentive Courses. Check the website for classes, times, and registration information. Please contact Melissa Day at 222-2178 or at mday@gw.doa.state.ri.us if you have any questions, or have any suggestions for future course offerings.

ArcGIS Classes

Introduction to ArcGIS 10

This three-day hands-on computer course provides an introduction to the capabilities and functionality of [ESRI's ArcGIS 10](http://www.esri.com)®, software. Using the current version of the software, you will learn how to use ArcMap™, ArcCatalog™, and ArcToolbox™. In addition, you will be taught the fundamentals of working with GIS data; how to query a GIS database; edit spatial and attribute data; and how to present data using maps, reports, and graphs. There will also be extensive work with the [Rhode Island Geographic Information System \(RIGIS\)](http://www.uri.edu/geospatial) database.

All students receive hands-on software instruction, course books with exercises and with accompanying training data. Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a URI Certificate of Course Completion. Classes are taught at [URI's Kingston campus](http://www.uri.edu).

The course will be offered twice, January 10 through 12 and March 19 through 21. Registration for the course is \$750.00 and pre-registration is required. For more information and to register please visit http://geospatial.uri.edu/training/registration_geo.htm.

Working with ArcGIS Online

This half-day training will introduce students to ESRI's new online mapping service available at [ArcGIS.com](http://www.esri.com). The training will explore the ready to use maps available, and also explore the basic functionality of the applications available. This workshop will explore the mapping and querying tools available in ArcGIS Explorer Online application, and the ArcGIS Viewer application. There will also be a focus on the maps available from RIGIS and on creating your own maps. You will create your own maps, your own data and share these maps via email, Facebook, Twitter or embed the code into your own website.

The course will be offered three times, January 4, January 17, and March 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. Registration for the course is \$100.00 and pre-registration is required. For more information and to register please visit http://geospatial.uri.edu/training/registration_geo.htm.

URI Landscape Architecture Lecture Series 2011 – 2012

The University of Rhode Island 2011 - 2012 Landscape Architecture Lectures series continues through April. All lectures are held in the Weaver Auditorium on the Kingston Campus of the University of Rhode Island. This series is co-sponsored by the College of the Environment and Life Sciences, the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association. All lectures are free and open to the public; the lecture hall is handicapped accessible. General questions about the series may be directed to Deb Hughes at Dmhughes@ds.uri.edu or at 874-2983

- February 23 - Catherine Weaver; Principal, Tupelo Gardenworks; Wakefield, RI. *Challenges From the Field.*
- March 8 - Marc Miller; Lecturer in Landscape Architecture, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. *Prototyping Topography: Landscape, 3d Printing and Practice.*
- March 22 - Calvin Ahbe; Principal, Ahbe Landscape Architects; Culver City, CA. March 22.
- April 19 - To be announced.

Grow Smart Rhode Island Land-Use Training Collaborative/ Narragansett Bay Research Reserve Calendar

This calendar is available for use by elected and appointed municipal officials and planners, citizen advocates, the natural resource protection community and the design and development community. The calendar can be found on the web at www.communityconnectionri.org. Please see the visit www.growsmartri.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=489 for information about including a listing on the calendar.

Economic Development Investment Assistance

The Office of Strategic Planning & Economic Development is seeking proposals for projects from eligible applicants interested in applying to the federal Economic Development Administration for public works or planning grants in Fiscal Year 2012. This is an opportunity to submit proposals for projects using federal funds to implement some of the state's long range economic development objectives and policies on the local and regional level. Project proposals will undergo a selection process. Selected projects that meet federal and state criteria will become part of a "Priority Project List" that will be presented to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). This will qualify these projects to compete for grants under the EDA's Public Works and Development Facilities Program. Application are received on an ongoing basis but must be received no less than 60 days prior to the beginning of the federal fiscal quarter in which the applicant intends to apply for funds.

Potentially eligible CEDS applicants include cities and towns, public agencies, academic institutions, and local and regional non-profit economic development organizations. They can contact via email [Robert Griffith](mailto:Robert.Griffith@ceds.org) if they are interested submitting a proposal and/or if they are interested in receiving application instructions and materials.

Division of Municipal Finance

Municipal Memo: This Legislative Reference Service can be found at www.muni-info.ri.gov/legislation. Both current and past issues are available at this site.

Directory of City & Town Officials: This 2011 directory, updated through November 8, is available at www.muni-info.ri.gov/publications. Paper copies of the directory are also available; please contact Susan Moss at 222-4468 or at Susan.Moss@dor.ri.gov for specifics.

Division of Planning Committee Meetings

Technical Committee Meeting scheduled for January 6 has been CANCELED. For the latest schedule information please see the Committee Calendar at www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm.

State Planning Council Meeting scheduled for January 12 has been CANCELED. For the latest schedule information please see the Committee Calendar at www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm.

Rhode Island Housing Commission

Scheduled for January 13; meeting time and location to be determined. For the latest schedule information please see the Commission Calendar at www.hrc.ri.gov/calendar/index.php.

Rhode Island Water Resources

Scheduled for January 23 at 1:00 p.m.; meeting location will be posted on the Secretary of State's website at <http://sos.ri.gov/>. The Finance Committee meets one hour prior to the board in the same location. For the latest schedule information please see the Board calendar at www.wrb.ri.gov/meetings_schedule.html.

Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled for January 26 has been CANCELED. For the latest schedule information please see the Committee Calendar at www.planning.ri.gov/misc/calendar.htm.

WTS-Rhode Island

Please join WTS-Rhode Island for a luncheon on January 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Waterplace Restaurant in Providence. The event will feature a presentation on the Wickford Junction Commuter Rail Station Project in North Kingstown, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation's first design-build project. To register for this event please contact Lucy Almeida at 722-7660 Ext. 2214 or lalmeida@bryant-engrs.com by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9. For the January Luncheon flyer, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/d25dngw>.

Community Connection RI

Coastal Construction Workshop; January 18, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This course is focused toward designers, contractors, and building officials in RI to address issues such as construction in V and A Zones, designing for flood and wind loads, construction and maintenance issues, utility issues, and septic systems in the flood zone. Contact Jessica Stimson at jessica.r.stimson@us.army.mil for more information.

Using Freeboard to Increase Protection from Coastal Storms Webinar; January 25, 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. This webinar series has been developed to share coastal hazards resilience information and tools available to state and local officials. The webinar series complements the "before," "during," and "after the storm" themes used to organize the coastal hazards resilience resources available on the [StormSmart Coasts Network](#). Instructions for joining the Webinar are on the [Community Connection RI](#) website.

Stormwater Utilities: Rhode Island Moves Forward; January 26. This workshop will present findings on the feasibility of stormwater utility districts in Westerly and Middletown based on studies now underway. It will also include a discussion of state law and policies for municipalities to implement utility districts in Rhode Island. MS4s are strongly encouraged to attend this final workshop in the series. Location and time to be determined, check the Community Connection website for the latest information.

Additional information on these and other programs may be found on the Community Connection RI web site at www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=GSRI#2471995.